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SUBJ: INTELSAT - CHIREP/TAIWAN ACCESS

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1. JAPANESE FOREIGN OFFICE CONFIRMED HIDAKA'S ACCOUNT OF PRC 1ST SECRETARY SUNG'S VISIT AND THE JAPANESE REACTION NOTED IN REFTEL A. ACCORDING TO OBATA OF THE MFA'S SCIENTIFIC DIVISION, THE GOJ INTERPRETS TWO RECENT CONVERSATIONS REPORTED BY ITS EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON (PARA TWO) AS INDICATIONS THE PRC WILL ALSO BE SUCCESSFUL IN HAVING A MOTION TO EXPEL TAIWAN FROM INTELSAT SYSTEM INTRODUCED IN ITS BEHALF AT THE SEPTEMBER CONFERENCE IN NAIROBI.

2. OBATA TOLD EMBOFF AUG 16 THAT GOJ UNDERSTANDS THAT ON 11 AUGUST HSIC CHI MEI, PRCLO, WASHINGTON, TOLD THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF INTELSAT THAT THE PRC WILL HAVE A DELEGATION IN KENYA READY TO TAKE ITS PLACE IN THE EVENT THE MEMBERSHIP VOTES TO EXPEL TAIWAN. IN ANOTHER
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CONVERSATION ON 15 AUGUST, INTELSAT ASST. SECRETARY

GENERAL PELTON TOLD A JAPANESE EMBASSY OFFICIAL IN WASHINGTON THAT ALTHOUGH THE AGENDA FOR THE INTELSAT WORKING GROUP MEETING SCHEDULED PRIOR TO THE CONFERENCE CONTAINS NO REFERENCE TO THE CHINA PROBLEM, HE SUSPECTS THE SUBJECT WILL COME UP.

3. THE FOREIGN OFFICE IS NOW AT WORK TRYING TO FORMULATE A CONTINGENCY RESPONSE SHOULD SUCH A MOTION EVENTUATE AT NAIROBI. AFTER CAREFUL EXAMINATION OF THE INTELSAT AGREEMENT, IT HAS FOUND NO LEGAL BASIS FOR EXPELLING TAIWAN. ASIDE FROM TAIWAN ITSELF, THEY SEE JAPAN, THE U.S., AND THE ROK AS SUFFERING THE GREATEST INJURY SHOULD TAIWAN BE DENIED INTELSAT SERVICES AND PROPOSE ENTERING INTO A DIALOGUE WITH US AND THE ROK TOWARD ESTABLISHING A COMMON POSITION. JAPAN ITSELF DOES NOT WANT TO TAKE THE INITIATIVE IN OPPOSING A MOTION TO EXPEL TAIWAN FROM THE INTELSAT SYSTEM. THE GOJ HOPES A COMMON SOLUTION ON THIS ISSUE MIGHT BE WORKED OUT BY EARLY SEPTEMBER. IT HAS NOT INFORMED TAIWAN OF SUNG'S CALL BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO THE DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY USING MATERIAL REPORTED REF A AS REQUESTED.
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